

Multiple Choice Study Guide/Quiz Questions *Where the Red Fern Grows*  
Chapters V, VI, VII

1. The boy's first name was Billy. What was his last name?
  - A. His last name was Colby.
  - B. His last name was Cole.
  - C. His last name was Collins.
  - D. His last name was Colman.
  
2. What did Billy do when he first held his puppies?
  - A. He began crying when he first held the puppies.
  - B. He brushed their coats with his own hairbrush.
  - C. He checked to make sure they were not deformed.
  - D. He kissed each of them on the nose.
  
3. What did the town children do when they saw Billy walking along with his puppies?
  - A. They admired the puppies and asked to pet them.
  - B. They made fun of him and then began beating and kicking him.
  - C. They called for the marshal to run Billy out of town.
  - D. They ignored him completely, saying hillbillies were not worth noticing.
  
4. Which of the following happened while Billy and the puppies were camping on their return from town?
  - A. There was a rattlesnake in their cave. The girl dog pounced on it and killed it.
  - B. A group of boys from town followed them and harassed them. They took refuge in a cave. The boys were starting to roll a stone across the entrance when the marshal came and took them all back to town.
  - C. They heard the scream of a mountain lion. Billy built up the fire to keep it away. The boy dog went to the mouth of the cave and bawled at it.
  - D. They came across a cave where an old Cherokee Indian lived. He invited them in, fed them, and told them stories until they fell asleep.
  
5. True or False: Billy saw the names "Dan" and "Ann" carved in a tree. Then he named the puppies "Old Dan" and "Little Ann."
  - A. True
  - B. False

6. True or False: Billy's parents were furious when he got home. They said he had to send the dogs back and give them the money.
- A. True
  - B. False
7. What did Billy's parents tell him they wanted to do someday, and why?
- A. They said they wanted him to take over the farm in about ten years. They said it was time for him to start learning the business from his father.
  - B. They said they wanted to own more land. They wanted him to keep doing odd jobs and also start to hunt for furs so he could contribute his money to their plan.
  - C. They said they wanted him to be a doctor. They planned to send him to boarding school in Oklahoma City and then to the medical school there.
  - D. They said they wanted to move to town to give their children a better education and enable them to meet people.
8. What was the next item that Billy needed, and why did he need it?
- A. He needed leather to make collars for the dogs.
  - B. He needed a coonskin to train his dogs.
  - C. He needed a rifle to kill the coons when he took the dogs hunting.
  - D. He needed a hunting license so he could hunt legally.
9. What did Billy do when he needed advice about hunting coons?
- A. He talked to his father.
  - B. He talked to a neighbor.
  - C. He talked to his grandfather.
  - D. He wrote to the kennel in Kentucky where he had bought the dogs.
10. What did Billy say about his communication with his dogs?
- A. He said they could have heart-to-heart talks together. His dogs had a language of their own that was easy for him to understand.
  - B. He said they were dumb animals who needed to be trained to take orders.
  - C. He said Little Ann was able to communicate, but Old Dan wasn't because he was deaf.
  - D. He said Little Ann would only communicate with his sisters, and Old Dan would only communicate with him.

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Chapters VIII-IX

1. How did Billy's parents feel about his hunting?
  - A. They both approved wholeheartedly. They said it was the way of the mountain folk and they were proud of him for carrying on the tradition.
  - B. His mother strongly disapproved and wanted him to stop. His father told his mother that he was the head of the family and would make the decision. He said it was fine.
  - C. His parents both disapproved but his grandfather convinced them to let him try it. He said Billy would get bored after a week or so and stop hunting.
  - D. His mother was worried but felt she could not stop him because of all he had done to get the dogs. His father thought it was fine because he was getting to be a man.
  
2. How old was Billy when he went coon hunting for the first time?
  - A. He was ten.
  - B. He was thirteen.
  - C. He was sixteen.
  - D. He was twelve.
  
3. True or False: Billy realized his father was talking to him like he was a man.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
4. What feeling did Billy get on his first night of hunting, when Old Dan bawled the first time? What did he do after he also heard Little Ann's bawl?
  - A. He felt like a knot had been tied in his throat. Then he cried and whooped as the tears ran down his face.
  - B. He was terrified to be out in the woods alone at night. He realized he had made a big mistake.
  - C. He didn't realize what the sounds meant. He hit the dogs and told them to be quiet and not scare away the coons.
  - D. He felt like he had finally become a man, and no one could tell him what to do.
  
5. Where did the hounds tree their first coon?
  - A. They treed it in the largest sycamore on the bottoms.
  - B. They treed it in his mother's favorite shade tree near the house.
  - C. They treed it in an oak tree across the river where he couldn't go to get it.
  - D. They treed it on another farmer's property and he would not let them on to get it.

6. What did Billy decide to do about the treed coon?
- A. He was satisfied that they treed the coon. He said he didn't need to kill it to prove they were competent hunters.
  - B. He said he would help his dogs get the coon out of the tree no matter what it took.
  - C. He set traps around the bottom of the tree so the coon would get caught if it tried to climb down.
  - D. He decided to let his father and grandfather catch the coon since they had more experience than he did.
7. What did the members of Billy's family think about his decision?
- A. His parents did not like his decision but his grandfather did.
  - B. None of the family members thought he was making a wise choice.
  - C. His father thought he was old enough to make his own decision. His mother and grandfather thought he should do what they wanted.
  - D. His father and grandfather supported him. His mother finally agreed with him.
8. How did Billy's grandfather keep the coon in the tree while Billy went home to rest?
- A. He stayed at the bottom of the tree and fired his shotgun in the air every fifteen minutes.
  - B. He built a fire at the base of the tree.
  - C. He made a scarecrow on the ground where the coon could see it.
  - D. He had the little girls march around the tree and bang on pots and pans.
9. Billy's grandfather said something was driving the price of coon skins up. What was it?
- A. People were watching the Daniel Boone series on television and wanted to own coon skin caps like Daniel Boone's.
  - B. The government was getting ready to regulate the number of coons that could be killed, so people were buying as much as they could before the regulations went into effect.
  - C. There was coon skin coat fad in New England, and coon skins were in high demand.
  - D. The coons in a few neighboring states had a disease that made their skins unusable. The skins from Oklahoma were in the best around at the time.
10. What was the outcome of Billy's efforts?
- A. He gave up and left the tree alone.
  - B. He asked his father and grandfather to help him and they all chopped the tree down.
  - C. He succeeded in chopping through the entire tree in five days.
  - D. He chopped through most of the tree, and then the wind blew it over.

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Chapters X, XI, XII

1. What happened to the first coon hide?
  - A. Mama made a coonskin cap for Billy.
  - B. Billy gave it to his mother to make a fur collar for her coat.
  - C. Billy gave it to his sisters to use as a doll blanket.
  - D. Grandpa took it and hung it up in the store.
  
2. What did Billy do with the money he made from selling the coon skins?
  - A. He kept it in his K. C. Baking Powder can.
  - B. He gave it to his grandfather to put in his bank account.
  - C. He gave the money to his father.
  - D. He bought clothes and other things for the family, including a mule for his father.
  
3. What were Old Dan's predicaments, and how were they resolved ?
  - A. Old Dan climbed a tree and couldn't get down. Billy climbed a ladder to bring him down. He also got his paw stuck in a steel trap and Billy pried it loose.
  - B. Old Dan got too close to a skunk and was sprayed. Billy gave him a bath every day for two weeks to get the smell out. He also got stuck in a beaver den, and Billy and Little Ann dug him out.
  - C. Old Dan fell into a patch of poison ivy. Billy petted him and they both had poison ivy for several weeks. He also tried to jump a barbed wire fence and got cut up.
  - D. Old Dan got stuck in an old muskrat den, and Billy and Little Ann dug him out. He also climbed up inside a hollow tree and out onto a branch. Billy climbed up after him and pushed him back down the hole.
  
4. How did Billy rescue Little Ann when she fell through the ice into the river?
  - A. He put a piece of meat on a long pole and stretched it out to Little Ann. When she bit on the meat he pulled on the pole and dragged her in.
  - B. He made a hook from his lantern handle and tied it to a pole. He waded out into the river, got the hook under her collar, and dragged her out of the water.
  - C. The water was only waist deep on him. He waded out, breaking the ice with his axe. He put Little Ann under one arm and waded back to shore with her.
  - D. He tied a rope around his waist and around a tree. He walked out as far as he could. Then he used another rope to lasso Little Ann and pull her out.
  
5. True or False: Billy told his parents all about his evening's adventure?
  - A. True
  - B. False

6. What happened to Billy after he returned home?
  - A. He got pneumonia and stayed in bed for two weeks.
  - B. He found out he had a broken arm and needed a cast.
  - C. He got a cold and stayed home for three days.
  - D. He had severe frostbite and lost two toes.
  
7. Billy asked his mother if God answered all prayers. What was her reply?
  - A. She said He only answered the ones that were from the heart.
  - B. She said He only answered prayers if the person praying helped himself first.
  - C. She said He answered everyone's prayers all of the time.
  - D. She said He didn't answer prayers, He did what He thought was best for the person.
  
8. What was the bet Billy's grandfather made with the Pritchard boys?
  - A. He bet five dollars that Billy and his hounds could kill more coons in one night than they could with their hound.
  - B. He bet two dollars that Billy's hounds could tree a certain old coon.
  - C. He bet three dollars that Old Dan and Little Ann could follow a trail longer than the Pritchard boys' dogs could.
  - D. He bet four dollars that Billy's hounds could tree a coon faster than the Pritchard boys' hounds could.
  
9. True or False: The Pritchard boys refer to the coon as "the ghost coon" because it was all white.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
10. At one point while the boys were watching the dogs chase the coon, Billy said he felt good all over. What did he feel good about?
  - A. He felt good because his hounds were very obedient. The Pritchard boys' hounds would not listen to them.
  - B. He felt good that was going through with his bet and acting like a man.
  - C. He felt good because he had never seen Rainie looked so excited.
  - D. He felt good because he thought his hounds would win the bet and his grandfather would be proud of him.

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1. True or False: Billy refused to pay up on his bet. He said the Pritchards had made up the story about the coon to get his money.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
2. What caused Little Ann to throw up her head and whine?
  - A. She caught the coon's scent when a breeze began stirring.
  - B. She could sense that Billy was in danger.
  - C. She smelled another dog coming near them.
  - D. She was sad because she thought Billy was giving up.
  
3. Where was the coon?
  - A. It was in the hayloft of a nearby barn.
  - B. It was at the very top of an oak tree.
  - C. It was hiding in a hollow gatepost.
  - D. It was in a hole under an old stump.
  
4. True or False: Billy decided he didn't want to kill the old coon because it had lived there such a long time.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
5. Which of the following did **not** happen when Billy asked Rubin to give his money back?
  - A. Rubin refused to give the money back.
  - B. Billy threatened to tell his grandfather what had happened.
  - C. Rubin knocked Billy down and started whipping him in the face with his hat.
  - D. Rainie took the money and ran home.
  
6. What were the dogs doing while the boys were fighting?
  - A. They were still looking for the coon.
  - B. Old Dan and Little Ann were helping Billy fight off the Pritchard boys.
  - C. The Pritchard boys' dog, Old Blue, was fighting with Old Dan and Little Ann.
  - D. Billy had sent them home to get help from his father.

7. What happened to Rubin?
  - A. The coon bit him and he later died of rabies.
  - B. He tripped on a small stick, fell on the axe blade, and died.
  - C. He accidentally killed his dog during the fight.
  - D. He fell into the river and drowned. Billy didn't know Rubin could not swim.
  
8. What did Billy do to show his sorrow for the incident?
  - A. He named the coon after Rubin.
  - B. He planted a red fern near where the accident happened.
  - C. He took four coon skins to the Pritchard family.
  - D. He put flowers on the grave.
  
9. What news did Billy's grandfather tell him a few days after the accident?
  - A. He told Billy the coats being made from Billy's skins were selling very well. He had been invited to St. Louis to meet the man who bought all of his coon skins.
  - B. He told Billy the kennel in Kentucky had invited him to bring the dogs back for a dog show.
  - C. He told Billy he was traveling to Talequah for supplies. He wanted Billy to go with him.
  - D. He told Billy he had entered Old Dan and Little Ann in a championship coon hunting contest.
  
10. Who went on the trip?
  - A. Grandpa, Papa, Billy, and the dogs went.
  - B. Only Grandpa and Billy went.
  - C. Only Billy and the dogs went.
  - D. Papa, Billy, and the dogs went.



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1. What "first" happened on the trip that made Billy feel more grown up?
  - A. He was allowed to stand watch over the camp during the night.
  - B. His grandfather gave him a cup of coffee.
  - C. His father offered him a cigarette.
  - D. His grandfather let him drive the buggy.
  
2. Which contest did Billy enter first, and what was the result?
  - A. He entered both dogs in an obedience contest. They won second place and red ribbons.
  - B. He entered Little Ann in a beauty contest. She won first place and a small silver cup.
  - C. He entered Old Dan in a swimming contest. He won first place and a gold medal.
  - D. He entered a whooping and hollering contest. He came in third and got a very sore throat.
  
3. True or False: On their first night of hunting, Billy thought they should go far down river out of range of where the others had gone.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
4. Where did the hounds run the first coon, and what was the result?
  - A. They ran it into the river and it got away from them. They were behind in the contest.
  - B. They ran it up a nearby tree. Billy was able to get it down by shaking a branch at it. The hounds had an easy kill.
  - C. They ran the coon near the camp. The men doused all of the fires and the coon ran straight through the camp.
  - D. They ran it so far up the road that another pair of hounds caught it and killed it. They got the credit for the kill.
  
5. How many coons did the dogs kill on their first night of competition?
  - A. They killed five coons.
  - B. They killed one coon.
  - C. They killed two coons.
  - D. They killed three coons.

6. What about the dogs surprised the judge?
- A. He was surprised that they had so much energy, because they were so little.
  - B. He was surprised they didn't fight with each other. He said most male/female pairs had ongoing battles while hunting.
  - C. He was surprised that the dogs were able to find the scent when the coon had gone so far out on the river bottoms.
  - D. He was surprised that they seemed to understand so much of what Billy said to them.
7. Why did one of the hunters come around with a small box in his hands?
- A. He was asking for food donations for the big party at the end of the contest.
  - B. He was collecting money for a jackpot for the winner.
  - C. He had found the box and wanted to locate the owner.
  - D. He was a woodworker. He was selling the boxes as souvenirs.
8. True or False: Billy wanted to go back to the swamp on the final night. The area was the same distance from the mountains and the river, and he thought he would have a better chance of catching a lot of coons.
- A. True
  - B. False
9. The judge saw the two hounds stop and stare at Billy at the beginning of the hunt. What was Billy's explanation for their actions?
- A. He said they were waiting for directions on which way to go.
  - B. He said they were asking how many hunters were coming.
  - C. He said they always liked to look at him and get his scent before they went hunting.
  - D. He said he could feel that they knew the hunt was important.
10. What other action surprised the judge?
- A. After the dogs had killed the coon, they licked and doctored each other's wounds.
  - B. Each of the dogs refused to eat until the other had been fed.
  - C. They jumped up on Billy and wagged their tails after the hunt was finished.
  - D. The hounds would only let Billy pet them. They growled whenever anyone else got near them.

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Chapters XVII-XVIII

1. What was the weather like on this part of the hunt?
  - A. There was a hurricane starting up.
  - B. It was very cold, but clear.
  - C. There was a sleet storm. It was cold and icy.
  - D. There was a blizzard, with about a foot of snow.
  
2. The judge said he thought they should all go back to camp, and leave the dogs where they were. Billy refused to leave his dogs. He said they would die before they would leave a coon in a tree. What did they all finally do?
  - A. Only Billy stayed.
  - B. They all stayed.
  - C. Billy and his grandfather stayed. The others went back to camp.
  - D. Billy, his father, and his grandfather stayed. The judge went back to camp.
  
3. Which of the following did **not** happen to Billy's grandfather?
  - A. He caught his foot in a hidden steel trap.
  - B. He was unconscious from the pain.
  - C. Little Ann found him.
  - D. Papa and the judge carried him to a nearby gully and made him as comfortable as possible.
  
4. What did they do after they had taken care of Grandpa?
  - A. They stayed with him to make sure he was all right.
  - B. Billy stayed with him while his father and the judge went to the camp for help.
  - C. They returned their attention to the dogs and the coon hunt.
  - D. They began making a stretcher from branches so they could carry Grandpa back to camp.
  
5. What did the dogs do?
  - A. They ran back to camp.
  - B. They took off into the swamp after a new coon.
  - C. They lay down near Grandpa's feet and went to sleep.
  - D. They went in the direction to which Billy had pointed.

6. True or False: Half of the hunters took Grandpa back to camp to the doctor. The others went with Billy, his father, and the judge to find the dogs.
- A. True
  - B. False
7. What happened to the dogs?
- A. They had a severe case of frostbite and had to be taken back to camp.
  - B. They fell asleep under the tree and the coon escaped.
  - C. They killed the coon after the men thawed them out.
  - D. They lost the coon's scent because of the heavy sleet.
8. True or False: Another hunter won first prize. He gave the cup and the money to Billy anyway because Billy and his dogs had been so brave.
- A. True
  - B. False
9. Which of the following events did **not** happen when Billy and his father arrived home?
- A. Billy gave the two older girls the small silver cup.
  - B. He gave the large gold cup to the youngest girl.
  - C. He gave the box of money to his mother.
  - D. He asked his mother to give part of the money to his grandfather.
10. What did Billy see his mother doing as he was preparing for bed?
- A. He saw his mother counting the money and making pencil marks on a piece of paper.
  - B. He saw his mother feed the dogs and then pray in front of them.
  - C. He saw her polish the two cups and put them on the mantel.
  - D. He saw her hug his father and heard her say she was glad to see him.

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Chapters XIX-XX

1. What animal did Billy think the dogs had treed the night they went to the Cyclone Timber country?
  - A. He thought they had treed a bobcat.
  - B. He thought they had treed the ghost coon again.
  - C. He thought they had treed a mountain lion.
  - D. He thought they had treed a bear cub.
  
2. How did Billy feel about the animal the dogs had treed?
  - A. He was glad they had treed it.
  - B. He was not glad that they had treed it.
  
3. What unusual actions did Old Dan take?
  - A. He sat at the base of the tree and whined.
  - B. He jumped on Little Ann's back and tried to climb the tree.
  - C. He put his tail between his legs and ran away from the tree.
  - D. He curled back his lips, snarled, and then growled.
  
4. What animal had the dogs actually treed?
  - A. It was a black bear.
  - B. It was a bobcat.
  - C. It was a mountain lion.
  - D. It was a very large rattlesnake.
  
5. How did the animal die?
  - A. Old Dan bit it in the throat and it bled to death.
  - B. Billy sank the axe blade into its back.
  - C. Little Ann slashed its belly open.
  - D. The dogs chased it to a cliff. It fell over and drowned in the river below.
  
6. How did Billy feel about what his dogs had done?
  - A. He was proud and grateful.
  - B. He was angry because they had challenged the other animal.
  - C. He was mostly afraid that they were hurt.
  - D. He was too numb to feel anything.

7. What did Billy discover about Old Dan as they were walking home?
- A. Old Dan had a broken leg.
  - B. Old Dan had a severe head wound.
  - C. The other animal had gouged Old Dan's eyes out and he was blind.
  - D. Old Dan's belly had been slashed and his entrails were falling out.
8. What happened to the dogs?
- A. Old Dan died. Little Ann stayed with Billy.
  - B. Old Dan lived. Little Ann ran away.
  - C. Old Dan died. Then Little Ann died on Old Dan's grave.
  - D. They both lived, but they were crippled and never hunted again.
9. True or False: Billy's parents told him they were going to use the money he had made to open a kennel for hunting dogs.
- A. True
  - B. False
10. According to an old Indian legend, what was the significance of the red fern?
- A. Any spot where the red fern grew was sacred.
  - B. The fern grew on a spot where blood had been shed.
  - C. The first person to see it would never return to that spot again.
  - D. Whoever lived on the land where the fern grew would have good luck in life.